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1. EMBASSY AMMAN STRONGLY URGES THAT AMMAN BE INCLUDED IN THE 1976 OVERSEAS TAXPAYER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. IN THE PAST INDIVIDUALS DESIRING HELP ON THEIR TAX RETURNS HAD TO TRAVEL TO BEIRUT FOR ASSISTANCE. WITH THE CURRENT CONDITIONS IN BEIRUT AND THE HEAVY INFLUX OF AMCITS TO JORDAN WE EXPECT A CORRESPONDINGLY LARGE INCREASE IN REQUESTS FOR TAX INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE.

2. MANY OF THE AMCITS AND U.S. RESIDENT ALIENS NOW LIVING IN JORDAN WERE REQUIRED TO MOVE THEIR RESIDENCE DURING 1975 BECAUSE OF THE STRIFE IN BEIRUT AND SOME HAVE LOST PERSONAL POSSESSIONS. IN ADDITION THERE HAS BEEN A NUMBER OF U.S. FIRMS OPENING OFFICES IN JORDAN DURING THE PAST YEAR. FOR THESE REASONS WE EXPECT THAT MANY TAXPAYERS WILL BE FACED WITH NEW AND UNUSUAL (FOR THEM) TAX PROBLIMS AND RECOMMEND THAT AMMAN BE INCLUDED IN 1976 PROGRAM.
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